

NO. 49.

"It's nothing to laugh at, sir," exclaimed Thorne.

"My uncle never told this, it is the work of my mischievous niece, Minnie. The genuine document have been left behind." And you didn't come to ask for a  
"I came to purchase real estate,"  
"Where?" old Jabez Thorne whisked and long, then offered his  
to his guest with a hearty laugh.  
"Well, my boy, I'm heartily sorry I  
you so many objections names,  
and I supposed you were after  
I must go tell the little fellow  
a blunder we're made."  
"May a moment, sir," said Jack,  
a detaining hand on the old gen-  
er's arm; as his quick eye detected  
distant flutter of Miss Thorne's  
among the trees; will you allow  
make the necessary explanations  
? I am not at all certain that  
I have selected a home, I shall  
enter into business-like negotiations  
obtaining young wife to reside  
it." The stranger laid off all of courtesy  
"Is you please, my lad," said the  
gentleman, chuckling. "I'll give  
assent, if only to atone for my vil-  
lous treatment of you a little while  
ago."  
He resumed his gardening operations,  
occasionally pausing to laugh all to  
hisself, while cousin Jack swung up  
with a cock Mary.  
"My were about a long time, in  
as old Jabez thought, an unrea-

"The dense foliage of the shrubs  
 their advancing forms. Mr. La-  
 wking exceedingly proud and self-  
 and, Mary leaning on his arm,  
 her pretty cheeks flushed and her  
 crested in timid smiles. "What  
 "What does she say?" roared the  
 families.  
 "She says she'll consider it!" said  
 demurely.  
 "A week or two afterward Minnie  
 received a neat little package  
 containing the diamond sleeve buttons  
 to following effect:  
 "DEAR MINNIE:—I've lost my wa-  
 sted cheerfully deliver over the  
 and stakes, for I have won some-  
 of infinitely more value—a wife!  
 "COURT J. JACK."  
 from which we may conclude that  
 result of Mary's "consideration"  
 very favorable.  
 "Her Silence Saved Me."  
 "Remember," said a young man,  
 ing in company with several  
 witless girls. Among them, how-  
 ever, was one exception; a serious,  
 and beautiful woman, whose re-  
 spones had been well known, and  
 opened for a long time spoken  
 truly in the cause of truth and  
 through the columns of our vil-  
 lator. Suddenly I conceived the  
 of bantering her on religious

and recklessness of impiety, I  
led forth with some staid infidel  
that none but the fool who  
his heart. 'There is no God,'  
venture to reiterate. The flock  
goellings about me laughed and  
I, and I, encouraged by their  
grew bold, and repeated my in-  
sults, occasionally glancing slyly  
the principal butt of my fun.—  
I did not seem to notice me at all;  
did not smile, did not look away  
nor look at me. I pursued my  
ill I continued my impious har-  
boring, that she must refute  
thinking, that she would not surely  
own holy faith held up to vid-  
a beardless boy. The snicker-  
and me gradually began to ad-  
dressed her. Hy-

o even totem in its quiet, that  
 ness stole over them, and I stood  
 striving by my own senseless  
 to buoy up my fast sinking  
 she never spoke or smiled—  
 moved; her immobility grew  
 I began to stammer—to pause—  
 bold and strange—I could not  
 My courage eosed off; my  
 ew faint—I was conquered.  
 night after I went home, to re-  
 over my foolhardy adventure, I  
 have scourged myself. The sweet  
 countenance of my mute accuser  
 before me in the visions of  
 I could not sleep. Nor did I  
 il some days after; I went to  
 of the lake. I had intended

my pardon. Then she spoke  
 more mild: I how Christianly I how  
 subdued, melted down; and it  
 long after that I became, in  
 a humble Christian, and looked  
 my miserable unbelief with  
 silence saved me. Had she  
 with warmth, with sarcasm, with  
 with rebuke. I should have  
 stronger in my bantering, or  
 terminated in my opposition—  
 was silent, and I felt as if my  
 as striving to make itself heard  
 the mighty words of an Omnipotent.  
 O, how often would it be  
 f, instead of vain argument or  
 dispute, the Christian would use












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